The New Australian Curriculum – a statement from ACSA

The Australian Curriculum Studies Association (ACSA) welcomes the announcement by Ministers of the endorsement of the Australian Curriculum for the first four learning areas English, Mathematics, History and Science up to Year 10.

The Association looks forward to further development of the Australian Curriculum particularly in relation to the Cross-curriculum priorities and General capabilities.

ACSA is, however, concerned that the goals set out in the 2008 Melbourne Declaration on Educational Goals for Young Australians, which has guided the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority’s work, are not fully reflected in the current Australian Curriculum. In particular, the actualisation of the goals about confident individuals and active and informed citizens need further work in order to be realised through the Australian Curriculum. ACSA is keen to work with ACARA to achieve this. The learning area of Civics and Citizenship offers a real opportunity for this work and to contribute to Australia having a world class curriculum.